



MANY BODIES IDENTIFIED

The Cause of the Fire Is a Mystery.

TRAGEDY AT REAR DOOR

A Rigid Investigation Is Promised Into the Cause of the Fire.

SCHOOL WAS OVERCROWDED

The Charred Remains of the Children Were Wedged so Closely That It Was Impossible to Drag Them Out—Those on Top First Recovered.

CLEVELAND, March 5.—Twenty-four hours after the terrible disaster which caused the death of approximately one-third of the school children of North Collinswood the death roll numbering 164. Of these 137 have been identified while the other 27 remain at the morgue in a condition of mutilation probably for ever beyond recognition. The work of digging into the ruins of the school house in a further search of the remnants of the children still missing began with the break of day. Dawn found fathers and mothers waiting about the ruined building after having spent the night in an effort to find their children's remains at the morgue. Little was brought forth during the day that would satisfy their belongings and it is believed tonight that all the bodies that can be removed have been taken out. Arrangements are now being made for funerals. The idea of having a public funeral for all the dead has been abandoned though it is probable where it can be done, the bodies will be grouped in one church.

The cause of the fire, which, aided by a frantic panic, a narrow hallway and doors which it is said by many, were made to open toward the inside still is a mystery. It was at first supposed that it came from an overheated furnace or an exploded boiler in the basement of the school house. It has been established that there was no explosion and the janitor of the school, Fred Herter, three of whose children died within an arm's length of their father, declares that it could not have come from the furnace. Yesterday in Collingwood was comparatively warm, beside the last few days immediately before it, the janitor declares that he maintained the fire at a low temperature. Fearing he had not sufficiently warmed the building, he was, according to his story, on his way to open the furnace drafts and increase the heat when he was met by three little girls running from the basement who told him there was a fire below. The three little girls are now being sought by the police and by the fire commissioners. It is considered entirely possible by certain members of the Collingwood school board that they had through carelessness started the blaze that cost the lives of so many children.

L. R. Gardner, a member of the school board, is positive in his assertions that the fire was of incendiary origin. In that portion of the building, it was discovered that there are no electric wires, there was no waste or rags, there was no direct means of creating heat. It was therefore believed by Mr. Gardner and by others that the three little girls, if they are ever found may throw some light on the tragedy of yesterday. There were in the building, at the time the fire was discovered between

300 and 325 pupils. They were under the control of the teachers.

Two of the children are among the dead that lie tonight in the temporary morgue in the warehouse of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at Collingwood.

The school was overcrowded and quarters had been provided for the younger children in the attic. Strange as it may seem, more of the pupils escaped from this part of the school-house than from any other. The children were under good discipline they had been practiced frequently in the fire drill, their teachers without exception retained their self-possession, showing great courage in the face of imminent danger, and yet more than half of these little ones died horribly because of faulty building arrangements.

The school house was two stories and a half in height, the walls being of brick and concrete.

Inside it was a shell which burned with almost inconceivable rapidity. The entire interior was a mass of smoking ruins within three minutes of the time the fire was discovered.

For supreme horror the scenes that were enacted around the rear door of the ill-fated school house have had few parallels in this or any other country. Little children were piled upon each other six and eight deep, while strong men and frantic mothers struggled with desperation to release them, yet failed. When the head of the column was nearing the front door a rush of the flames met it. Some of the children dashed at the door in the effort to open it, while others turned and fled wildly up the stairs. The door was double and one side was held by a spring. The column above knowing nothing of the fire and were compelled to stand back and see the little ones die before their eyes. One woman found her own daughter in this press and stroked her hair in the effort to keep the flames away. She failed and the child was burned to death while her mother looked on.

From the upper floors of the building two stairways offered exit. One

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MCCOURT IS NAMED

Pendleton Attorney Selected as Bristol's Successor.

OREGON DELEGATION AGREED

Call Upon Attorney-General Bonaparte and Urge an Early Appointment—McCourt Known Personally to Entire Delegation Except Bourne

WASHINGTON, March 5.—All the members of the Oregon delegation attended a meeting in Senator Fulton's committee room this afternoon, and after a half-hour's discussion of the District Attorneyship situation agreed unanimously to recommend John McCourt, of Pendleton, for appointment. The delegation then called upon Attorney-General Bonaparte and formally indorsed McCourt and urged his early appointment.

The Attorney-General will take the matter up tonight with the President, and it is believed the nomination of McCourt will follow. Mr. McCourt has been a tentative or conditional candidate for some time, and a number of strong indorsements have been filed in his behalf. He is known personally to the entire delegation except Senator Bourne.

John McCourt has for some years been considered a young attorney with a future. He broke into the Pendleton legal field in days when it was already quite crowded as partner of the late Judge Balleray. He has been city attorney of Pendleton, but has never run for any county office. He has been a partner of State Senator Jay Bowerman, and formerly lived in Salem.

"BRYAN DAY" IN OMAHA

The Great Commoner Presents Platform.

ENTHUSIASM PREVAILS

Platform Condemns the Aldrich and Fowler Currency Bills.

STAND PAT POLICY RIDICULED

Delegates by This Convention Chosen Ahe Instructed to Vote as a Unit for the Nomination of William J. Bryan for the Presidency.

OMAHA, March 5.—This was "Bryan day" in Omaha. For that matter it was a Bryan day throughout Nebraska. With the Democratic state convention as a nucleus, the party leaders from every county and practically every primary district in the commonwealth gathered here to pledge their allegiance to the Presidential aspirations of Bryan and to consider the means for furthering his interests before the Democratic convention at Denver.

Enthusiasm was prevalent throughout the day. It broke loose early in the afternoon session of the convention and gradually gained volume, it broke in tumultuous vociferations when at the beginning of the evening session the platform committee presented this resolution:

"Resolved, That the delegates by this convention chosen, be and are hereby instructed to vote as a unit for the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for the Presidency."

The platform was largely Bryan's own work. That it reflected the leaders' views as to what should form the issues upon which the party should go before the country next summer was not denied. The platform condemns the Aldrich and the Fowler currency bills. Emergency currency, it was declared should be issued and controlled by the federal government. The immediate revision of the tariff was emphasized as a necessity. The "stand pat" policy being ridiculed in terms that made the delegates shout with laughter. A straight declaration in opposition to Asiatic immigration and a clause favoring an eight-hour working day were decidedly popular. So too were paragraphs favoring the extension of the irrigation and reclamation projects. There was no reference to government ownership in the platform neither was there a "personal liberty" clause therein.

The delegates to the Democratic convention turned out en masse tonight to cheer the platform which admittedly reflects Bryan's views on the national affairs and to greet their leader with outburst of cheering that brought the flush of pleasure to the countenance of the recipient. The real proceedings of the day were planned with an ascending scale of enthusiasm in view. How well this worked out was evidenced by the scenes in the convention hall tonight. Close to 1000 delegates, hundreds of other active party members and thousands of private citizens hailed Bryan as the "Next President of the United States." Applause that quickly changed to cheers, then instantly turned to wild yells, greeted him as he began the speech which wound up the day. During his remarks this demonstration was renewed frequently and at the end was repeated with renewed vigor. Bryan was in splendid voice. As he warned to his subject he em-

trusts are still flourishing and even the supporters of Mr. Taft have no specific remedies to offer relief and trusts arise while Republicans are boasting of their crusade against them.

"On the tariff question the Republican leaders now admit that tariff reform is now necessary, but a careful reading of their promises show that they use language identical with that employed in former platforms which have been the basis for the present extortionate rebates. What reason have we to believe their promises are worth any more now than they have been in the past 20 years?"

"The Republicans now admit that railroad legislation has been needed and yet for 10 years the Republican party allowed itself to be over-awed by the railroad lobby at Washington and having, with the aid of the Democrats, secured a little relief, the Republican leaders now reply upon what has been done and outline no program for further legislation.

"Under Republican rule the relations between capital and labor have become more and more strained and yet the Republican leaders resist each attempt to bring employers and employees into more harmonious relations. Instead of applying American ideas to the Philippine question the Republican leaders imitated the empires of the old world and entered upon a colonial policy which has involved us in enormous expense, brought us weakness instead of strength and humiliation instead of glory.

"The present financial stringency is another illustration of Republican incompetency. In the full possession of power it has allowed the country to be run by Wall street financiers and in the crisis is impotent to do more than furnish money out of the public treasury to support the marauding points with clenched fists and stamping foot and drove his arguments home with a vocal vigor that carried his tones to the farthest corners of the big auditorium. He began his address at 9:30 and for

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JAPANESE DEMANDS

Refuses to Arbitrate Matter With China.

PROTECT SHIPPERS FROM LOSS

Another Thing That is Distressing the Pekin Government is Alleged Wholesale Counterfeiting by Japanese of Paper Currency of China.

TOKIO, March 6 (noon)—The Associated Press was informed this morning that negotiations with China in the matter of the seizure of the Japanese steamer Tatsu had not reached the ultimatum stage yet and it was stated that Minister Hayashi at Pekin had not been notified to that effect. It is also believed that Hayashi has not made any threat to use force. It is admitted however that in the event of China failing to yield, only one course is possible. The cabinet meeting which was to have been held today has been postponed to Saturday owing to the absence of foreign Minister Hayashi who is duck shooting.

HONG KONG, March 5.—The Japanese steamer Tatsu is still held at Whampoa in the Canton river. The viceroy of Kwang Tung is determined to hold the vessel in spite of orders from Pekin. It is said that valuable witnesses have been found to sustain the contention of the Chinese officials.

TONOPAH SCALE ACCEPTED.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., March 5.—The local union of the Western Federation of Miners today by the referendum vote decided to accept the Tonopah scale and declare the strike off to those who will pay that scale

BURIED IN A PAUPER LOT

Body of Lazarus Averbush Interred.

UNDERTAKERS REFUSED

Miss Averbush Made Attempts to Have Her Brother Buried With Jewish Rites.

FUNERAL WAS HELD AT NIGHT

Efforts of the Police Today to Uncover a Possible Conspiracy in Connection With the Attempted Assassination Met With Little Success.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The body of Lazarus Averbush was buried tonight in the Potter's Field. The assassin's sister gave a reluctant consent to the interment yesterday in the darkness and tonight in a drizzling rain, unaccompanied by a friend or relative, the corpse of the unfortunate young man was taken to Dunning, the site of the county poor farm and by the light of lanterns placed in a grave. Following her release from custody Miss Averbush made attempts to have her brother buried according to Jewish rites. A number of undertakers were communicated with but all refused to take charge of the body.

The efforts of the police today to uncover a possible conspiracy in connection with the attempted assassination met with little success. In the seizure of a trunkful of literature belonging to Harry Goldstein, the authorities believe they have important evidence of his affiliation with anarchistic societies but there is nothing bearing upon the attempt crime. The authorities today cancelled all meetings of Emma Goldman to speak here. All day the police searched for the woman, who is reported to be in the city but up to a late hour she had not been located. Assistant Chief Schuettler said he had no intention of arresting her unless she violates the law which he now believed she would not attempt to do.

"SABRINA."

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—The class of 1908 of Amherst College last night formally transferred "The Widow Sabrina" to the class of 1910. The ceremony took place at the Hotel Astor following a dinner. Sabrina once occupied a pedestal on the campus at Amherst, but in 1894 she was banished to a store room by the faculty. She is a bronze statue presented to the college many years ago and for a long time was the object of joking under graduates who painted various colors and heaped on her head all the indignities that under-graduates could invent. The class of '94 stole the statue from the college store room and since then she appeared but once in two years, when these class in whose possession she is, transfers her to the next even numbered class. The members of the odd numbered classes do their utmost to find the statue and to capture it, but so far in her history Sabrina has always remained in the hands of her friends. During a two years period she is said to have remained in the hold of an Atlantic liner, crossing and recrossing the ocean scores of times. Again she was stored in a hay mow on a farm way out in Nebraska where she passed the next two years the members of class 1910 refused to say. Word was passed out at Amherst at midnight Tuesday that the present

tation would occur in New York last night and 110 members of the classes duly represented for the festivities. Following the dinner the statue was unveiled in the Hotel Astor's dining rooms and the students filed past, each one solemnly impressing a kiss on the battered bronze lips. Then Sabrina was turned over to the custody of the class of 1910 and smuggled out of town. She will remain hidden until it comes time for her to be turned over to the class of 1912, two years hence.

RAN FROM U'REN.

PORTLAND, March 5.—Uncorking a bottle which contained a chemical compound possessing the perfume of eggs which long ago had reached the age of maturity, broke up a large meeting in this city tonight held by the defenders of Oregon's laws relating to the nominating of United States Senator by the people. W. S. U'Ren was in the midst of the defense of the law he framed, when with a reproachable look at his next neighbor one of the spectators who was seated in the rear of the hall hastily arose and left, another did likewise. Then another did likewise. Then another and another until rush for fresh air became little less than stampede. The meeting then adjourned.

LOST VALUABLES ON MAIL ST.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—Miss Inez Cavanaugh, has written President Roosevelt asking him to assist her in recovering jewelry and other property valued at \$15,000 which she says she lost while on government property. Two years ago, she says, she was run down by an automobile while passing through Mail street and so badly injured that she will always be a cripple. While she lay unconscious in the street, she says she was robbed of \$8,000 worth of jewelry and checks for trunks which contained property worth another \$7,000.

Mail Street runs from Broadway to Park Row immediately behind the general postoffice. Local police having failed to find her property, Miss Cavanaugh thinks the government should assist.

APPOINTS RECEIVER

Western Maryland Railway in the Hands of Receiver

PRESIDENT BUSH APPOINTED

The Bowling Green Trust Company Alleges That the Railroad Would be Unable to Meet Fixed Charges Amounting to \$1,250,000.

BALTIMORE, March 5.—After the close of court today a bill was filed in the United States circuit court by the Bowling Green Trusts Company of New York, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Western Maryland Railroad. Judge Morris appointed President Bush. The railroad having filed an answer admitting the allegations in the bill of complaint and assenting to receivership. The trust company alleges that the railroad would be unable to meet fixed charges due April 1 amounting to \$1,250,000. The road extends from Baltimore to Cumberland. The proceedings today came as a surprise not the slightest indication that they would be taken having reached the financial nor legal circles during day.

FAST RUNNER.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—Athletic trainers, including Ernie H. Hjerther of the Irish-American A. C., believe they have found a quarter mile runner who will one day beat the world's record, in Arthur Cozzens, a Brooklyn school boy. Cozzens has done some great running, particularly in relay races, for his school, the Brooklyn Manual High School, and has never yet failed to defeat his rivals at this distance.